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1. On the basis of a decree of the Central Committee of the SED, Willi Salzer, technical director in the Main Administration for the Iron Industry in the East German Ministry for Heavy Industry, will be transferred to the VEB Edelmetallwerk Doehlen as technical director.

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2. The former director of the VEB Stahl- und Walzwerk Riesa, Kempny, (fnu) will replace Salzer in the Ministry.

3. The technical director of the Eisenhuettenkombinat "J.V. Stalin", Stalinstadt, Koenig, is to become plant director (Werkdirektor) at Riesa. His replacement at Stalinstadt has not yet been decided.

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4. On 18 March 1955, Willi Salzer and Max Friedemann, director of the Main Administration for the Iron Industry, travelled to Prague for several days to coordinate the East German rolling mill program with that of Czechoslovakia. Salzer's planned trip to Moscow has been cancelled as a result of his pending transfer.

5. Between 20 and 26 March 1955, the following individuals travelled to Moscow for a stay of approximately six weeks:

Kurt Walter Head of the Central Planning Department, and
Dr. Werner Winkler Deputy to the Minister for the Production Area -
Chemistry,
both of the Ministry for Heavy Industry, and

Bruno Leuschner, and
Paul Strassenberger of the State Planning Commission.

The purpose of their trip is to coordinate the Chemicals Plan within the framework of the Second Five Year Plan.

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